

Serial No. 10/064,326

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Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.


Claims 1 and 10 have been amended and claim 5 has been cancelled.

Claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawakami. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the closure member includes a substantially planar flexural region to facilitate the opening and closing of the closure member. Support for amendment is found in the specification at paragraph [0021]. The scale panel 21 of Kawakami does not include a flexural region to facilitate the opening and closing of the scale panel 21. Therefore, Kawakami fails to teach or suggest a closure member including a substantially planar flexural region to facilitate the opening and closing of the closure member. For these reason, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-14 were rejected as claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Since claims 2-14 depend directly or indirectly from and contain all the limitations of claims 2-14 as amended, they are felt to overcome the obviousness rejection in the same manner as amended claim 1.

This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the Examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance.
Favorable action is requested.

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